

MINUTES
STATE AID TASK FORCE
(a subcommittee of State Board of Health)
October 18, 2006

Agenda item #1: Roll Call and Introductions

Larry Mastropierro, Chairperson, opened the face to face meeting the Nevada Department of Transportation building in Reno, NV at 9:08 A.M.

Roll call taken and determined a quorum was present by.

Attending from Carson City:

April Romo	Bill Hale	Bill Hill (gst)
Bob Salcido (gst)	Deborah McBride (gst)	Janet St Amant (gst)
Julia Spaulding (gst)	Lyell Collins (gst)	Nikki Isaacs (gst)
Miguel Forero (alt)	Robinette Bacon	

Attending from Reno:

Gerold Dermid (gst)	Jennifer Howell (alt)	Larry Mastropierro, Chair
Nedy Tollerstad	Rita Boyd	

Attending from Las Vegas:

Chris Reynolds	David Parks	Linda Anderson, DAG
Marcie Jackson	Dr. Mary Guinan	Mary Ellen Harrell (alt)
Tyrone Thompson (alt)		

Those not attending:

Antiocho Carrillo	Dr. Donald Kwalick	Dr. Gary Schroeder
Forrest Dunaetz	Frances Sponer	Maria Canfield
Kelvin Atkinson	Dr. Mary Anderson	Maurice Washington
Penny Jackson	Rick Reich	Dr. Robert Bannister
Robert Washburn	Sherman Rutledge	Dr. Trudy Larson

Agenda item #2: Welcome to Larry Mastropierro as newly appointed Chairperson

Bill Hale, from the Nevada State Health Division, did a formal introduction of Larry Mastropierro as new Chairperson.

Agenda item #3: Thank you to Rick Reich for his dedicated work as Chair of past years

Larry thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked for suggestions to make the State AIDS Task Force more known and draw more attention to the Task Force

Larry did a verbal thanks to Rick Reich as his time served on the Task Force and for his work and dedication to the Task Force.

Linda Anderson, DAG, started the discussion about changing the order of the agenda. She suggested we attend to agenda item number 6 before going on to verify we had a quorum based on the newly approved By-Laws for membership. Larry used his power as the Chairperson to change the order of business.

Agenda item #6: *Discussion and possible approval of membership per new By-Laws

Larry led the discussion by announcing that there were 2 letters of resignation. One was from Larry Pinson. Larry Pinson stated in his letter that his schedule was too demanding to be able to continue to serve. The other resignation was from Jeannie Pearce. She has accepted another position and no longer will be with the Health Care Financing and Policy (Medicaid).

Dr. Mary Guinan nominated Dr. Melva Thompson-Robinson as a member for the Highly Impacted Group. April read the letter of interest presented by Dr. Melva Thompson-Robinson. Per Linda Anderson, because Dr. Thompson-Robinson wasn't present to accept the nominations we couldn't vote on her membership. Larry went down the list of the new positions and was filled as followed:

Physician, Nursing, Dentistry, Counseling, or Health Care Facility Representative:

Dr. Mary Guinan

Rita Boyd

1 position available

Public Health Representative:

Marcie Jackson

1 position available

Highly Impacted Group and/or Agencies that service HIV/AIDS patients:

David Parks

Neddy Tollerstad

1 position available

Persons with HIV or AIDS:

Chris Reynolds

1 position available

Business community/Public Representative:

Larry Mastropierro

1 position available

County Coalitions/Planning Bodies:

Susan Little

1 position available

Dr. Guinan requested we have contact via email to confirm persons for the open positions but Linda Anderson said that email is not allowable. The Task Force could communicate via teleconference or videoconference. Larry suggested that we hold a special membership meeting before or next regular quarterly meeting to set up a full board.

Motion was made by Chris Reynolds motioned to table membership and hold a special meeting for membership. Chris recommended that we verify who is still interested and accept nominations in interim. Neddy Tollerstad second the motion
The vote passed unanimously.

Agenda item #4: *Approval of March 17, 2006 Minutes.

Discussion was made about making it clear in the attendance part of minutes to make it clear of whom actual members, alternates, and guests are.

Motion to approve made by Dr. Guinan, seconded by Chris Reynolds, and unanimously approved.

Agenda item #5: Election by members of the Task Force vice Chair and or acceptance of David Parks as having submitted a letter of interest in the position.

David Parks showed interest in the position in Vice Chair by presenting a letter at the last meeting on March, 17, 2006. The floor was opened for any other nominations. None were presented.

Motion was made by Dr. Guinan to close nominations and accept David Parks as Vice Chair, and Chris Reynolds second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

David made a small speech about his involvement with the Task Force. He was appointed in 1986 by Governor Bryan to start up the Task Force. He was removed in 1992 and then was invited to rejoin in 2002. He also explained how he is currently working on a draft Legislative bill to get some HIV assistance but would not elaborate on the bill at this time.

Larry welcomed him to the board and as the new Vice Chair.

Agenda item #7: Discussion and possible approval on revised Reasonable Accommodations Rule

Robinette Bacon asked how many times this form need to be filled out. Per Linda Anderson and Larry, the form should only need to be filled out once unless the person's needs/accommodations change.

Tyrone Thompson asked if the form is for RWCA Title II, why we are even looking at this for. Larry explained that this form is set to cover the RWCA Title II, the State AIDS Task Force, and Community Planning Groups. However we are only taking this form into consideration for the Task Force. Larry then went over how the form needs be filled out.

Tyrone asked why the form didn't cover Title I Planning Council. Larry explained that Title II ties more into the State, and further explained that Title I is more a Southern Nevada Program than Statewide. Jennifer Howell further explained that Title I is not State funded as Title II is.

There was further discussion that maybe we should change the name on the form since we are only deciding on the use of the form for the purpose of the State AIDS Task Force. Linda did say it was possible for the name on the form to be changed to reflect the Reasonable Accommodations Rule just for the Nevada State AIDS Task Force.

Motion was made by Chris Reynolds to change the form to Nevada State AIDS Task Force Special Accommodations Rule and then accept the form as written. Rita Boyd seconds the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Larry called a break at 10:30 for approx 10 minutes.

Larry called the meeting back to order at 10:43.

Agenda item #8: Report on the implications that increases in other STD's points to unprotected sex and the possibility of future HIV/STD increase.

Bill Hill and Julia Spaulding did on HIV and STD's in Nevada. Dr. Guinan request an email to be able to locate the information presented. Dr. Guinan also wanted not only update surveillance information but what's being done about it.

Deborah McBride recommended that a representative from the State be available at all meetings for updates.

Agenda item #9: Suggestions for the next meeting.

- 1) Southern Nevada update on the Syphilis outbreak- who's doing what and what's being done.
- 2) Doing an Annual Report- How to create, How to distribute, Layout of information to present at the most appropriate time.
- 3) David Parks presents on his Bill draft.
- 4) A presentation of what's going on in the Highly Impacted Group (Hispanics/African Americans/Prisons).

Agenda item #10: Public Comment

No public comment ensued.

Agenda item #11: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Chris Reynolds was requested at 11:55 AM and Marcie Jackson seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Larry adjourned the meeting.